



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: Zaccaria et al.

United States

Application No: 09/814,682

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For: METHOD AND COMPUTERIZED  
SYSTEM FOR REDUCING RISK IN  
AN ENERGY INDUSTRY

Group Art Unit: 3625

Examiner: Nguyen, Cuong H.

Attorney

Docket No.: 99-40149-C

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to Office Action dated August 17, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application for the reasons set forth herein. As the present response is being filed within one month of the expiration of the shortened statutory period, a petition for a one month extension of time and the associated fee are filed herewith. Accordingly, the present Amendment and Response is deemed to be timely filed. Should there be any fees due and owing, or being paid in excess of any required amount, with respect to this application, the Examiner is authorized to charge such fees, or to credit such overpayment, to deposit account no. 08-1480.

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